

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Azpuru for the allowance of claims 1-7 and 9-15 in the subject Office Action.

Rejected claims 8 and 16 are amended herein without the addition of new subject matter. Support for the amendments to claims 8 and 16 can be found on page 7, lines 4-7, in addition to other locations throughout the specification.

Claims 8 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 8 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, based on the above amendments to claims 8 and 16. As suggested by the Examiner, with appreciation by applicants, claims 8 and 16 have been amended to particularly point out that the composition being claimed is in sustained release form. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 8 and 16 is now inappropriate. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

All pending claims 1-16 are now believed to be patentable as written. A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims 1-16 is thereby respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions with regard to this communication, please contact the undersigned at (636)-226-3340.

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